

**VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of October 10, 2006**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Chair Richard Suitor, Trustees Samantha Baraw, Libby Hambleton, Thomas McCarney, and Jim Wilson. Also present was Village Manager Nanci Allard.

Chair Suitor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- II. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Scheduled):** None.

III. **ACTION ITEMS**

a. **Approval of Minutes**

1. **September 26, 2006 (Regular Meeting).** Motion by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee McCarney, to approve the minutes. Item III, e, change 3<sup>rd</sup> line from bottom – “we should have two so that either substation could have the capability to carry a full load.” **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

b. **Approval of Bills**

1. **Warrant #08-07.** Motion by Trustee McCarney, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to approve Warrant #08-07 in the amount of \$320,426.07. **Motion passed 3-1-1, with Trustee Wilson voting in opposition and Trustee McCarney abstaining (due to possible conflict of interest from a vendor invoice).**

- c. **Land Posting.** Normally, the Village posts the Wellfield and the land near the Cheney Hill and Garvey Hill reservoirs. Last time, former Manager Morse said that we should post to keep people from shooting; this would mean that people could walk across the fields with guns. Trustee McCarney would like to see this as an automatically recurring approval. The intent is not to prevent hunters from going through the land but is to ensure safety in the work area. Motion by Trustee McCarney, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to authorize the Manager to post the Wellfield and the land near the Cheney Hill and Garvey Hill reservoirs against shooting for safety reasons. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

IV. **REPORTS**

a. **Village Manager**

1. **Joint Board Meeting (Allocation of Expenses between Northfield Town and Northfield Village).** Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building
2. **Tri-Board Meeting.** We are proposing Tuesday, November 21, 2006 to schedule the Tri-Board Meeting for the Town Selectmen, Village Trustees, and School Directors. Northfield's state legislators also will be invited to attend.
3. **Personnel Policy.** The draft policy has gone to VLCT for legal review. Once that is complete, the policy will be brought to the boards for approval.

b. **Committee Reports.** There were none.

c. **Miscellaneous**

1. **Trustees Retreat.** The meeting will be at the Municipal Building on Saturday, October 21, 2006 beginning at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Village Roads.** Trustee McCarney would like to see an end-of-year report to find out what the plans had been, what was done, and at what costs.

3. **Curbing Request.** Trustee Wilson addressed the curbing request from Larry Drown. Mr. Drown had approached Manager Allard and Chair Suitor about having some curbing cut down so he can access his back yard. The request needs first to go to management; management then will prepare a proposal. According to Manager Allard and Chair Suitor, Mr. Drown had previously agreed that he would put planks down, as opposed to a curb cut. The Highway Subcommittee will discuss the request and will make a recommendation. There followed a discussion of permit procedure. Manager Allard stated that the driveway permits are processed through the Highway Superintendent, not through the Board. The Board requested a review so that both the Selectboard and the Trustees process requests for curb cuts/driveway permits in the same manner.

V. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Unscheduled):** None.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Board adjourned without objection.

The Board adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Samantha H. Baraw*

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular meeting.